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## TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

Chi Haotien  
(Phonetic: Chir)  
(Addressed: General Chi)

### TIME AND PLACE:

### CHECKLIST:

- Chi Haotien is Chief of the General Staff Department. He became Chief of Staff earlier this year following former Chief Yang Dezhi's retirement. Chi has never visited the United States.

- Photographers will be present at the outset of the meeting. It is customary to have a group picture taken before the meeting begins.
- Consecutive Interpretation by U.S. Embassy and Ministry of Defense Interpreters.
- The Meeting is scheduled to last approximately one hour.
- Topics to be discussed:

- Courtesy points

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ISSUES AND TALKING POINTSCOURTESY POINTS:

- GENERAL CHI, I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
- FIRST, LET ME EXTEND TO YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF. YOUR DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER MAKES YOU WELL QUALIFIED FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP POSITION.
- BOTH YOU AND I ARE RELATIVELY NEW IN OUR JOBS. HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES SUCH AS THIS OFFER US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACQUAINTED AND TO FURTHER THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR ARMED FORCES.
- I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOU THE BEST WISHES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ADMIRAL CROWE. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY.

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- GENERAL HE PENGFEI MET WITH MR. ARMITAGE AND LTG BROWN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND THEY HAD VERY PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

- IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER QIN THIS MORNING I MADE SEVERAL POINTS THAT I WANT TO MENTION TO YOU AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS.

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